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Iraqi Police graduate 172 from advanced training courses

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 172 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility July 7, as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 66 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 30 graduates, First Line Supervision with 25 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 31 graduates, and Interview and Interrogation with 20 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Participants also receive instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,055 police officers have completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

Critical Incident Management is designed to provide participants with the understanding of and application skills for managing critical incidents. To date, 457 students have graduated from this course.

First Line Supervision focuses on major leadership areas for front line supervisors including human rights training, ethics and corruption, policing in a democracy, and interpersonal skills critical to effective leadership. To date, 418 students have graduated from this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 426 students to date.

The Interview and Interrogation course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 447 students have completed this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an 8-week basic training course for new recruits or a 3-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for prior-service officers.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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